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Sub:- Coconut Development Board programme 2023-24 – Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- Laying out of Demonstration plots (LODP) 1st year - 2023-24 - working instruction issued-reg

Ref:- 1) F.No.HO-Dev01/38/2022(E-1993) dated 11.7.2023 of CDB
2) GO(Rt) No.864/2023/AGRI dated 6/9/2023 - SLAA
3) F.No.597/2021-Dev(Kerala) dated 22/9/2023 of CDB

Administrative approval by the Coconut Development Board and Administrative sanction by the State Government has been accorded vide 1st and 2nd references cited above respectively to implement the 100 % Centrally assisted project of the Coconut Development Board “Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement-

a) Laying out of Demonstration plots (LODP)-2023-24 1st year (new) in farmers field in an area of 500 Ha (SCSP-83 Ha, TSP-43 Ha and General-374 Ha) in Kerala during the year 2023-24, with a budget provision of Rs 87.5 lakhs (Eighty seven lakh and fifty thousand only). (SCSP-14.525 lakh, TSP- 7.525 lakh and General- 65.45 lakh). The amount has been released as per reference 3 rd cited above.

OBJECTIVE:-

The objective of the programme is to encourage the farmers to adopt the technology developed for the management of disease affected coconut gardens. The demonstration plots will also help to motivate farmers in adoption of result oriented production technologies.

PROGRAMME:-

The scheme components ‘Laying out of Demonstration Plots’ and ‘Establishment of Organic manure Units’ under ‘Integrated Farming’ is being implemented in farmers plots.

Laying out of Demonstration Plots(LoDP):

Under this financial assistance is limited to Rs.35,000/- per Ha in two annual installments depending on the activities undertaken in the coconut gardens with a view to demonstrate the possibility of improving the productivity and income through Integrated Farming, with all possible convergence with other suitable schemes, which in turn may create visible impact in the farming community. 100 % assistance subject to a maximum ceiling limit at the rate of Rs 100/ palm/ year (Rs 17500 per hectare per year) is provided for the application of critical inputs for adoption of integrated scientific management practices as per Package Of Practices recommendation. The components for which 100 % assistance can be extended are cost of soil ameliorants, Neem cake, NPK fertilizers, Magnesium Sulphate, PP chemicals, biofertilizers, biopesticides, biocontrol agents, green manure seeds and planting materials for the cultivation of intercrops.

The financial assistance towards the cost of critical inputs, planting material of intercrops, green manure seeds, plant protection chemicals.etc as part of demonstrating the integrated management practices for improving the productivity are covered under the scheme.

Expenses on labour component, other rental services, development of infrastructure

etc are not considered under the scheme. Demonstration of productivity improvement through application of critical inputs is the primary activity under the scheme and the funds for the same shall not be diverted for other inputs/components.

The compact area approach and group action by farmers within the compact area has achieved considerable success in augmenting income and increasing productivity, **the scheme intends to be implemented on a cluster basis in a contiguous area of appropriate unit size of 25-50 Ha.**

To the extent possible, contiguous areas need to be selected to showcase the impact of the technologies adopted. The area of implementation shall be selected citing the problem and proposed solutions. Proper Documentation of schemes shall be done by the field level implementing offices and on completion of the programme, a report compiling all the activities undertaken and outcome achievement with photos also need to be furnished to the Board for record purposes.

While selecting the cluster/plot, preference should be given for areas with high incidence of pests and diseases. The basic yield data prior to the adoption of improved packages should be recorded from the plots identified for demonstration purpose by conducting a baseline survey of the selected area. Overlapping of clusters selected under this programme with those selected under Keragramam should be avoided.

FINANCIAL:-

LoDP: Financial assistance of Rs 35,000/- per hectare in two annual installments. (Rs.100/palm/year) is provided. **The first year assistance will be Rs 17,500/- per hectare.** The maximum assistance limit for an individual farmer is limited to one hectare.

The general guidelines of CDB to be adhered to are as follows

1. The payment of financial assistance to the beneficiaries shall be under DBT mode only.
2. 30% of allocation may be earmarked for women beneficiaries/farmers and efforts may be taken to ensure gender equality in selection of beneficiaries.
3. 3% of the outlay may be made for persons with disabilities
4. The expenditure shall strictly be incurred according to the allocations only.
5. The expenditure on actual basis subject to the ceiling of approved amount and approved pattern of assistance only will be met by CDB. Any expenditure incurred over and above this shall be met by the state Department.
6. The allocations made under SCSP & TSP shall be utilised under respective category only and shall not be diverted or allowed to lapse. The SCSP and TSP funds can be exceeded with funds under General plan but not vice versa. The implementation of CDB schemes for SC/ST beneficiaries done in association with Social Justice/SC/ST Welfare and Tribal Welfare departments can also be considered in line with D.O letter no.F.1721/2019/Dev/monitoring dated 18/3/2020 by the Chairperson CDB addressed to the Principal Secretary of State Agri/Horti department. Meetings, awareness programmes may also be conducted for SC/ST farmers and other stake holders for propaganda of schemes.

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING:-

The physical and financial target is appended as annexure 1. The Agricultural Officer of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for effective implementation of the scheme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will monitor the scheme at block level and Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) at district level. The Principal Agriculture

Officer will supervise the scheme implementation at district level. Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme at State level. The ADAs should submit a consolidated block wise report to the DDA(YP) who in turn will submit a monthly progress report in annexure 2 to the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) by the 5th of every month. The official email id for reporting of this scheme will be adatbagridir@gmail.com.

The expenditure has to be booked separately under SCSP, TSP and General funds from the budget provision of Rs 87.5 lakhs (Eighty seven lakh and fifty thousand only). An amount of Rs 87.5 lakh released by CDB to the PFMS account no. 38495088832 of the Director of Agriculture maintained at SBI, Vikas Bhavan Branch, Thiruvananthapuram vide 3rd reference cited will be transferred to the PFMS account of the concerned Principal Agricultural Officer, who in turn will re allot the physical and financial target to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture for urgent implementation.

It is hereby instructed that all fund transfers under CDB schemes (Scheme code :9120) be processed in PFMS portal using the EAT (Expenditure Advance Transfer) module. Since the hierarchy for the scheme is available only up to the district level all the expenditures has to be done at the District level itself. Assistant Directors of Agriculture should not be mapped as child agency for the scheme. Any such mappings done previously should be un mapped immediately. However, the Principal Agricultural Officers may create Operator Users for Assistant Directors, wherever necessary, duly authorised by a proceedings and such users should be deactivated as and when the purpose for which it has been created has been completed. In each case, the Approver for the scheme should be a duly authorised officer in the PAOs office who will maintain a certified copy of the detailed claim statement. A register is to be maintained regarding the scheme wise receipt of allotments from Director of Agriculture.

Unspent balances which has been ordered for refund is also to be returned through EAT module by return to higher agency in the module. The concerned Deputy Directors may clarify any procedure in this regard from the Directorate or from the SPMU of PFMS Kerala.

Funds may be utilized only under the respective categories and non duplication of beneficiaries and area under Laying out of Demonstration Plots, Replanting and Rejuvenation schemes, and State plan schemes should be ensured. Diversion from SCSP or TSP category shall not be made. Achievement of the scheme and complete utilization of funds should be ensured .

The Completion and utilization certificate inclusive of no of beneficiaries in annexure 3 has to be submitted soon after the completion of the programme .

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DIRECTOR
Director of Agriculture

Encl: 1) Physical and Financial Targets in Annexure 1
2) Annexure 2
3) Annexure 3

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Addl.DA(Mktg), SAE.
All Joint Directors of Agriculture (in the Directorate)
Principal Information Officer, FIB, Thiruvananthapuram
Chief Coconut Development Officer, CDB, Kochi (for information – with
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IT Cell for publishing in the website.

Annexure -1**CDB Programme 2023-24 - Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement-Laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) – 2023-24 1st year (new) District wise physical & financial target (100 % Central sector scheme)**

Sl.no	District	Physical (ha)				Financial(Rs. In lakh)			
		SCSP	TSP	General	Total	SCSP	TSP	General	Total
1	Thiruvananthapuram	17	9	75	100	297500	157500	1312500	1767500
2	Kollam	16	8	74	100	280000	140000	1295000	1715000
3	Ernakulam	16	8	75	100	280000	140000	1312500	1732500
4	Thrissur	17	9	75	100	297500	157500	1312500	1767500
5	Palakkad	17	9	75	100	297500	157500	1312500	1767500
	Total	83	43	374	500	1452500	752500	6545000	8750000

Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)

Annexure – 2

CDB Programme 2023-24 - Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) First year in farmers fields (100 % Central sector scheme)

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

Name of District -

Sl: No	Components	Physical			Financial (in lakhs)	
		Allotted target area in ha	Achievement		Target allotted	Achievement
			Area (ha)	No.of Palms		
1	Laying out of Demonstration Plots					
1	SCSP					
	TSP					
	General					
	Total					

Principal Agricultural Officer

(Annexure-3)

**COMPLETION REPORT
CDB Programme 2023-24- Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP)
(100 % Central sector scheme)**

DISTRICT -

Sl: No	Components	Name of Block	Name of Panchayat	Physical						Financial (in lakhs)		
				Allotted target area in ha	Achievement						Target allotted	Achievement
					Area (ha)	No.of Palms	No.of Benefeciaries					
							Male	Female	Total			
	Laying out of Demonstration Plots											
1	SCSP											
	TSP											
	General											
	Total											

Principal Agricultural Officer

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that an amount of Rs------(Rupees-----only) received under the CDB Programme 2023-24- Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) (100 % Central sector scheme) has been fully utilized for the purpose for which it was allotted.

Principal Agricultural Officer